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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INDICATION OF EMBASSY INTEREST IN CONFERENCE
COCA, COCAINE AND COCA PASTI

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1. DR. RAUL JERI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HEALTH OFFICE IS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE MULTI-SECTORIAL COMMISSION AUTHORIZED BY THE GOP TO CONDUCT EPIDEMIOLOGY SURVEYS, DRUG ABUSE STUDIES AND, TO CARRY OUT INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONFERENCES IN PERU. THE COMMISSION IS COMPOSED OF SIX MEDICAL DOCTORS, THREE FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND THREE FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HEALTH OFFICE. JERI CONFIRMS COCA RESEARCH CONFERENCE PROPOSAL PER REFTEL BUT STATES IT IS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR JUNE 1979 RATHER THAN OCTOBER 1978, TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR PREPARATION.

2. THE COMMISSION IS PRESENTLY RECEIVING SOME SUPPORT FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY STUDIES FROM THE UNITED NATIONS UNDER PROJECT AGREEMENT NO. AG 2-30460. JERI PLANS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCE WITH UNFDAC REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL VISIT LIMA, PERU IN OCTOBER TO REVIEW 1979 PROGRAM. DR. JERI STATES THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME DUPLICATION IN TOPICS PROPOSED FOR CUZCO CONFERENCE PRIOR TO JUNE 1979. DR. JERI AND DR. JOSE MARTINEZ, GENERAL COORDINATOR OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL, STATE THAT THEY HAVE NO OFFICIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE CUSCO CONFERENCE. THEY ADVISE THAT ACCORDING TO THE

NEW PERUVIAN NARCOTICS LAW, ANY NARCOTICS PROGRAM, CONFERENCE, TRAINING ETC. MUST BE CLEARED BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND A DECREE ISSUED BY THE GOP AUTHORIZING THE EVENT. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHAT ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL IN PERU ARE SERVING OR HOSTING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE. (DR. FERNANDO CABIESES SAYS HE HAS NOT RECENTLY BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CUSCO CONFERENCE). HIS VIEWS ON BOTH JERI AND METZGER CONFERENCE FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

3. DR. JERI INFORMS THAT THE INTEREST OF THE COMMISSION IN COCA RESEARCH, DRUG ABUSE STUDIES AND RELATED NARCOTICS MATTERS IS PERMANENT. THE GOP HAS GIVEN THE COMMISSION THE AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES UNDER RESOLUTION NO. 0115-78 PM/ONAS.

4. ACCORDING TO JERI, THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN COOPERATING WITH VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS AFFAIRS FOR THE PAST YEAR, INCLUDING THE DAWN ORGANIZATION (STATISTICS ON DRUG ABUSE), NIDA, DEA, AND THE UNITED NATIONS (UNFDAC) OFFICIALS FROM THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALLEGED TO BE IN PERMANENT CONTACT WITH DR. JERI AND HIS COMMISSION.

4. EMBASSY WILL POUCH TO S/NM COMPLETE PLAN PROPOSED BY DR. JERI COMMISSION, PLUS REPORT ON SYNDROME OF COCA PASTE, CLINICAL OBSERVATION OF 158 PATIENTS IN LIMA AREA ADDICTED TO COCAINE PASTE SMOKING. EMBASSY SUGGESTS NIDA REVIEW JERI'S UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPOSAL IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE DUPLICATION WITH CUSCO CONFERENCE. VIEWS OF UNFDAC ON FUNDING CONFERENCE WOULD BE USEFUL AS WELL AS POSSIBILITIES OF US FUNDING AS ALTERNATIVE.

5. JERI ESTIMATES APPROXIMATELY \$12,000 WILL BE NEEDED TO FUND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND OTHER COSTS. SHLAUDEMAN

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